

Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River Council
Meeting Agenda
May 21, 2003

5/21/03

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Public Portion

Old Business

- River Administrator's Report
- Personnel Evaluation Committee
- Use of Federal/River Council funds on private lands
- Update on river issues
- Update on GEHWA Activities

New Business

- Reappointment of Standing Committees
 - Development Review
 - Recreational Uses
 - Resource Protection
 - Promotion, Education & Review of Potential Projects
- Establishment of a protocol for reviewing development applications
- Discussion of "organizing" development review
- New River Issues
 - Hidden Mill Marina
- Municipal Land Acquisition and/or other research initiatives

Adjournment

Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River
Monthly Meeting
May 21, 2003

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10PM by Dick Colby, Vice Chairperson

Roll Call by Belinda Irizarry

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers, John Brudon, Bill Christman, Rick Coe, Bill Egan, Greg Gregory, Andrew Mair, Creed Pogue (did not vote on motions), Joel Spiegel, Marc Thyrring, Bill McDermott, Dick Colby (Alternate GEHWA representative)

Board Members Absent: Gene Betz, Keith Kendrix (no prior notice provided)

Quorum Present? – Yes

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Mary Vavra (National Park Service), and Belinda Irizarry (GEHWA)

Proceedings

Dick Colby stated that the meeting was advertised pursuant to the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Notices were sent to official publications for the River Council – The Courier Post and The Press of Atlantic City. A copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Fox Nature Center and the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing. An Affidavit of publication from the Courier Post was received.

Public Portion

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:15PM. No members of the public were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Julie Akers made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2003 meeting. Bill Christman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dick Colby will forward a copy of the minutes to Marianne Risley who requested a copy on behalf of the Byrd family.

Old Business

River Administrator's Report

- Fred Akers reported that he arranged a meeting on the Byrd property for interested River Council members to view the property and the work included in the US Army Corps of Engineers' Public Notice regarding this permit.
- Fred updated members on the Betsy Scull property in Egg Harbor Township that is owned by the Police Athletic League (PAL) which is targeted for ATV trail development. Fred also mentioned that the Polokoff property adjacent to the PAL property is now owned by Atlantic County. The Polokoff property is located along the river and is an important investment by the County in protecting the river corridor. Fred wrote to the County suggesting the purchase of the PAL property so that grant money could be repaid to the state in lieu of developing an ATV park. Purchase of this property by the County would complement existing holdings, although concern was expressed about the County using the property as an addition to the golf course. Marc Thyrring reported that Egg Harbor Township is entertaining a revised PAL proposal and has not yet made the proposal public. Marc Thyrring made a motion recommending that the River Council send a letter to Egg Harbor Township reminding them about the importance of resource protection in the river corridor where the PAL property is located and

stating the River Council's opposition to this development. The letter should extend an invitation for Egg Harbor Township to work with Fred Akers on this issue. Julie Akers seconded the motion. Voice vote carried unanimously.

- Fred Akers distributed copies of the section of the CMP to attendees regarding resource protection areas to provide additional information to help them during permit application reviews.
- Fred Akers and Marc Thyrring provided information about the Dead Horse Run streambank stabilization project on private property where there is very significant erosion. Comments were made that the estimate should exclude permit application fees and just provide estimates for developing a design appropriate for the property. Rick Coe made a motion that the issue be reviewed by the River Council's Resource Protection Subcommittee. Bill Egan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mary Vavra mentioned that funds provided by the National Park Service could be used to support prototype projects on private property and to assist in projects along the river corridor that provide resource protection.
- Fred Akers provided members with a copy of a request from the Hamilton Township River Patrol. A request for a total of \$8,750 was received from Hamilton Township to supplement the River Patrol for providing enforcement and education in the river corridor. Fred Akers stated that this request is a continuation of an existing program and that there are distinct benefits for assisting the River Patrol in the non-tidal section of the river. Greg Gregory made a motion to approve half the funding \$4,375 requested based on the benefits of the program and based on three separate monthly reports being submitted to the River Council. If GEHWA does not provide the balance of funds, then the River Council will provide full funding of \$8,750 in three separate portions. Bill Egan seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Julie Akers - yes; John Brudon - yes; Bill Christman - yes; Rick Coe - yes; Dick Colby - yes; Bill Egan - yes; Greg Gregory - yes; Andrew Mair - yes; Joel Spiegel - No; Marc Thyrring - yes; Bill McDermott - yes; Motion carried.

Personnel Evaluation Committee

Bill Egan provided a report on the committee's performance appraisal of the River Administrator and the process used. The committee consisted of Bill Egan, Dick Colby, Greg Gregory and Creed Pogue as Chairperson. Rick Coe will review the report and Mary Vavra will also provide feedback. The next step will be to meet with Fred to deliver the results and establish goals for the next year. Next month's agenda will include an item on a recommended compensation adjustment.

Update on River Issues

Mary Vavra provided information on enforcement action that has been resolved on a property located in Hamilton Township. The property owner placed unauthorized dredged and/or fill material on this property to create a pathway/roadway to the river from his house. All the fill material has been removed and the property owner is in the process of re-planting and restoring the area.

Mary Vavra provided the rationale behind the National Park Service's recent letter recommending denial of the application for the Byrd property. Several other agencies (USEPA, USF&WS, National Marine Fisheries, American Littoral Society, & GEHWA) recommended denial of the application as well. The application was reviewed consistent with the same standards employed during the review process for other waterfront properties who either proposed work that could have an adverse affect on designated resources or completed work without the benefit of the appropriate federal and state permits.

Hidden Mill Marina - -- After receiving a notice regarding possible unauthorized construction activity at this marina in Egg Harbor Township, Mary Vavra notified Kevin Maley (USCOE Enforcement) and Kevin Brown (NJDEP Enforcement) for followup action. The USCOE and NJDEP will coordinate on this issue;

however, as of this date, they have been unable to visit the property. Mary Vavra will followup with Kevin Maley to determine what action, if any, has been taken.

Update on GEHWA Activities - Belinda Irizarry reported that the kids program will take place on May 31, 2003 at 5:30 PM on the Duke O Fluke.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of Standing Committees

Chairman Rick Coe re-appointed all members of the River Council to their current committee assignments. Newer members were appointed to committees as follows: Andrew Mair (Development Review; Resource Protection), John Brudon (Resource Protection; Promotion, Education & Review of Potential Projects), Bill McDermott (Promotion, Education & Review of Potential Projects).

Chairman Rick Coe stated that the Development Review Committee would respond initially to development applications, and make a recommendation to the full River Council.

Municipal Land Acquisition

Fred Akers stated that there is nothing about municipal acquisition in the CMP. Fred Akers will review parcels for possible purchase to be introduced to the County for open space acquisition.

Other Business

Gregory Gregory reported on the successful plantings in Kennedy Park in Somers Point.

Rick Coe made a motion to approve payment to The Press of Atlantic City for publication of a resolution in the amount of \$51.94. Gregory Gregory seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Gregory Gregory made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Rick Coe. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, MAY, 03

1. Attended special Pinelands staff meeting with John Stokes, Valerie Haines, Ted Korth, Carleton Montgomery, and Mary Vavra about the implementation of permanent protections for the GEHR under the CMP, including zoning and water quality enforcement. 4/17
2. Preliminary visual assessment of Buena Vista Country Club into Pancoast Lake and Deep Run. 4/20
3. Constructed and set up a new river display board in preparation of tabling at 2 simultaneous events on Earth Day. 4/21
4. Attended Monroe Environmental Commission meeting to assist with EC goals. 4/21
5. Attend GEHWA meeting 4/22
6. Meeting with Jamie Chromartie and Rudy Arndt of Stockton concerning ecological and environmental studies of GEHR. 4/25
7. Tabled water model at Washington Twp. Earth Day event.
8. Attended DEP Watershed Management meeting in Trenton. 4/28
9. Attended Cape May aquifer meeting/presentation. 4/29
10. Conducted the Byrd site visit, which included substantial preplanning and communications. 4/29
11. Vernal pond survey at Deep Run. 5/2
12. Preliminary visual survey of Powell Creek, and follow-up in river survey of Byrd site. 5/4
13. Coordinated GEHWA comments to the Army Corps of Engineers re. Byrd public comments. 5/5
14. Vernal pond survey of Three Pond Branch.
15. Attended Cape May ANJEC water reuse hearing. 5/8
16. Attended Pinelands Commission meeting. 5/9
17. Vernal Pond assessment at South River and Deep Run.
18. Canoe inspection of Stevens Creek, South River, Dead Horse Run, Miry Run, and Polokoff

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March 26, 2003

Egg Harbor River Council
c/o Mr. Marc Thyrring
209 Harbor Drive
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

500'

**Re: Proposal for Civil Engineering Services - Permitting
Streambank Stabilization - Dead Horse Run
Egg Harbor Twp, Atlantic Co, NJ**

Gentlemen:

In response to Mr. Marc Thyrring's request and our subsequent site visit, SITE-Blauvelt Engineers is pleased to submit this proposal to provide civil engineering, surveying and permitting services for referenced project.

Our standard proposal form [Attachment 'A'] with the Scope of Services and associated Fees, with the Assumptions/Exceptions/Comments [Attachment 'B'], and our Standard Terms and Conditions [Attachment 'C'] has been enclosed for you review. Invoices for this work will be submitted monthly based on the percentage of work completed. The application and supporting documentation can be completed and submitted within 45 calendar days from the notice-to-proceed.

If you are in agreement with this proposal and the attached standard terms and conditions, please sign in the space provided below. With your signature, this proposal will become our contract for services. SITE-Blauvelt looks forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,
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Richard E. Oberman, Jr., PE
Project Design Manager

Accepted by Egg Harbor River Council:

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____



Civil Engineering Services - Permitting
 Streambank Stabilization - Dead Horse Run
 Egg Harbor Twp, Atlantic Co, NJ

ATTACHMENT 'A' - SCOPE OF SERVICES AND COST BREAKDOWN:

FEE

[X]-	Research existing records and deeds	\$250.00
[X]-	Topographic survey (contour lines at one foot intervals), including spot elevations at key locations. No boundary work will be provided.	\$2000.00
[X]-	Prepare Land Use Regulation Program Application Form LURP#1 and provide public notices.	\$500.00
[X]-	Prepare Stream Encroachment Permit Application.	\$1000.00
[X]-	Perform Wetlands Delineation.	\$1100.00
[X]-	Prepare Wetlands Permit.	\$1200.00
[X]-	Prepare Environmental Report	\$1500.00
[X]-	Prepare Construction Site Plan.	\$1500.00
[X]-	Prepare Cover Sheet.	\$250.00
[X]-	Prepare Stream Cross Section Sheets.	\$1200.00
[X]-	Prepare Erosion Control Plan, Calculations and Application	\$1150.00
[X]-	Prepare Construction Details Sheet.	\$400.00
[X]-	Meeting attendance - 3meetings have been included.	\$1500.00
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N/I - NOT INCLUDED IN SCOPE